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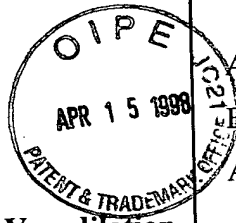
In re application of:

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For: **Method of Inducing Vasodilation
and Treating Pulmonary
Hypertension Using Adenoviral-
Mediated Transfer of the Nitric
Oxide Synthase Gene**

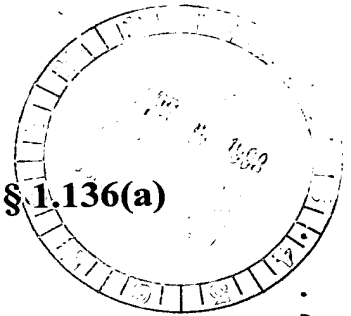


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Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)



Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action dated October 15, 1997 be extended four months from December 15, 1997 to April 15, 1998 by the filing of this Petition.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17) is believed to be \$1,510.00 for a 4 month extension for a large entity. Fee payment was provided in our Check No.21574 which was filed in the Patent and Trademark Office on April 13, 1998. Enclosed is a copy of the stamped postcard acknowledging receipt of this check. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

Respectfully submitted,

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